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Elder Bennion Dies at Age 71

Dr. Adam S. Bennion, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles since 1953, who also had an illustrious career as an educator and business leader, died February 11 in the L.D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City. He was 71.

He entered the hospital on February 5 when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage.

Throughout Elder Bennion's busy life he was active in educational, religious, business, civic and political affairs. He was widely known and sought-after as a public speaker.

ELDER BENNION was particularly well known and loved in the Bay Area. Last December 1 he offered the dedicatory prayer for the enlarged Los Altos Ward Chapel. A little more than a year previously he was principal speaker at an Oakland-Berkeley Conference in Richmond. In both cases he spoke eloquently about gospel values.

At the stake conference he recalled, with the wit for which he was noted, about the time as a young man he was attending the University of California at Berkeley, when he and his wife lived in a small apartment. "We had to make sure our visitors got the good chair," he said.

On April 6, 1953, Elder Bennion was named to the ruling body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—the Council of Twelve Apostles. He filled a vacancy created by the death of Dr. John A. Widstoe. He was third from the youngest in point of service on the Council of the Twelve.

HIS EARLY CAREER was in the field of education. He was superintendent of the Church's far-flung school system from 1919 until 1928. He then went into business, taking a position with the Utah Power and Light Co. He was a vice president of the utility company when he was appointed an apostle.

He was a director of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad and had been a trustee of both the University of Utah and the Brigham Young University.

Elder Bennion was author of such books as "Fundamental Problems of Teaching," "An Appreciation of the Book of Mormon," "Facing Life" and "On Becoming a Teacher."

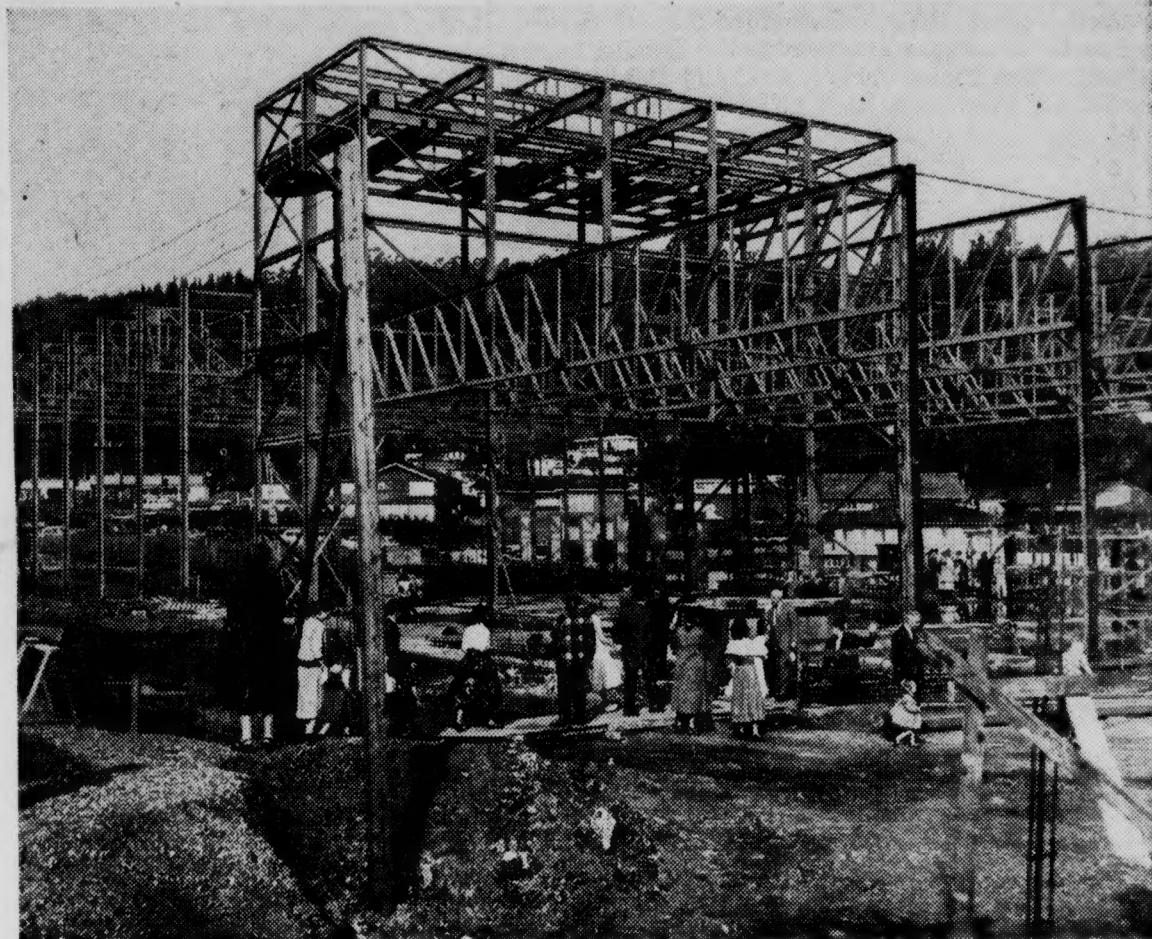
Survivors include his widow and five sons and daughters; Mrs. Ralph Stohl, Washington, D.C.; Adam Y. Bennion, Los Angeles attorney; Richard Y. Bennion, Salt Lake City jeweler; Mrs. Wallace Rogers, Salt Lake City; Edmund Y. Bennion, Tucson, Arizona investment broker.

Walnut Creek Ward

Reporters Named For Messenger

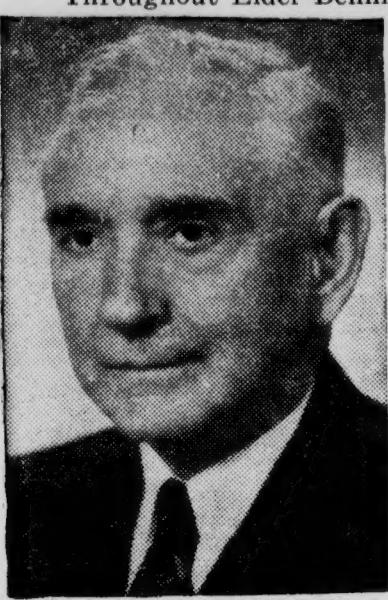
Appointment of Anna Lea Spencer and Ruth Mauss as Ward reporters for The Messenger, inter-stake newspaper of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was announced by Bishop Mark R. Bickley of Walnut Creek Ward. The appointments are designed to increase news coverage of ward activities, Bishop Bickley said.

Sister Spencer is the wife of Glenn Spencer and lives at 64 Terrace Road, Walnut Creek. Sister Mauss and her husband Armand live at 1912 Meadow Road, Walnut Creek.



HIGH ATOP TEMPLE HILL in Oakland members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints inspect superstructure of Tri-Stake Center, unique in the Church in that it will serve several stakes. Visitors were audibly impressed with the huge size of the project and progress of the work. Complete, the Center will serve Hayward, Walnut Creek and Oakland-Berkeley stakes, and provide a chapel for Oakland and Oakland Third Wards.

Photo by Edward Pyle



DR. ADAM S. BENNION

San Mateo Stake Radio Program

Preliminary arrangements have been made, and an LDS radio program is scheduled to begin broadcasting in the Bay area no later than March 1st, according to Jack Wilson, president of the Second Quorum of Elders, Redwood City Ward, who are sponsoring the show.

Radio time has been secured from KPN, the FM station at 101 megacycles in Atherton, which went on the air last Oct. 1. Available time is on Sunday, and plans are for a weekly program. The exact time has not yet been decided upon at this writing.

The program will consist of music and narrative, prepared by Church headquarters at Salt Lake City in record form. Wilson plans to begin with the thirty-record series on the history of the Church. The first records of the program already have been received.

Contact with the station was made by Stanley Reynolds of the Elders Quorum, who had a business connection through his store, Sterling Sound. In making arrangements, he and Wilson have worked in cooperation with Stanley Gibb of the High Council, chairman of the Radio and Publicity Committee.

Lt. Brinton Named To A-Weapons Job

Word comes that Lt. Robert Brinton, son of Edna and the late Milton Brinton Sr. of Berkeley First Ward, has been assigned to the Atomic Weapons Nuclear Office and will be transferred from his present station in France to El Paso, Texas in March.

Before going to his new assignment in Texas the young U. S. officer will visit his mother in Berkeley about March 15.

Robert Brinton is a brother to Dr. Milton Brinton, practicing Oakland physician.

MIA Institute Of Division 12 Here March 29

A full complement of General Board members of the Mutual Improvement Association led by General Superintendent Elmer R. Curtis and General President Bertha S. Reeder are expected to attend the annual MIA Institute of Division 12 which will be held in the Bay area on Saturday, March 29, according to Elder Kirke M. Decker, Division Co-chairman.

Expected to attend are more than one thousand ward and stake MIA workers from the 13 stakes of Northern California comprising Division 12. In addition, ward and stake Priesthood leaders are invited.

All-day meetings are scheduled for stake workers and afternoon workshop sessions will be held for all MIA departments for ward and stake leaders. All meetings and workshops will be conducted by the general boards executives and departmental leaders.

Opening sessions will be held at the Walnut Creek beginning at 9:30 a.m. for Stake and Division Leaders. Following the General assembly meeting leaders will gather in separate departmental meetings.

Ward and Stake Departmental leaders will attend workshop sessions of their respective departments which are called for 2 p.m. and will be held in ward chapels in Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Walnut Creek and Concord. Every chapel in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake and two chapels in the Walnut Creek Stake are required to house all the meetings.

All morning sessions for Stake leaders will be held in the Walnut Creek Chapel. Afternoon meetings of Ward and Stake Executives will also be held in the Walnut Creek Chapel.

Chapels assigned for the afternoon departmental workshops are Berkeley Chapel, Explorers, Mia Maids and Music; Oakland Third (Continued on Page 3)

Young Members of Berkeley Wards Win Honors in School and Church

Five young members of the Berkeley First and Second wards are demonstrating these days that distinguished work in school goes hand in hand with outstanding Church work.

Jean Merrill, 18, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm H. Merrill, who is attending the University of California, placed eighth scholastically in her January Berkeley High School graduating class. She was a Seal Bearer of the California Scholarship Federation, won an award in music and was active in Berkeley High School dramatics.

A Junior Gleaner in Berkeley First Ward, Jean is an Honor Bee and is working toward a Silver Gleaner award.

Sue Fife and Tom Fife are the son and daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Leland J. Fife of the Berkeley First Ward.

Sue was chosen as one of the graduation speakers at the Berkeley High School exercises in January, and her outstanding talk was given at a Sacrament meeting. Sue,

(see picture on page 3)

17, who will attend Brigham Young University next fall, also is a Junior Gleaner and is working toward her Silver Gleaner. She sang and danced in high school musical productions and appeared in a number of ward drama and music activities.

Tom Fife, 15, is president of the High-Sophomore class at Berkeley High School. He is an Explorer and has been a leader in many ward activities.

Bill Owens, 17-year-old son of Bishop and Mrs. Richard W. Owens of the University Ward, recently was elected president of El Cerrito High School. Bill, a Junior M-Man, returned late last year from New Zealand where he spent part of the year as an American Field Service Exchange student.

Ann Balmforth, 17, student at El Cerrito High School, was elected Commissioner of Publicity for the student body. She is the daughter of Brother and Sister Ray Balm-

forth of the Berkeley Second Ward.

Ann, like the other two girls

Junior Gleaner and an Honor Bee,

is working toward her Silver Gleaner award and has been particu-

larly active in ward dramatics.

All five have received individual awards for participation in Church activity and attendance at meet-

ings.

Elder Morris Advises

'Just Step On Your Troubles'

"Step on your troubles," advised Elder George Q. Morris of the Council of the Twelve at the San Mateo Stake quarterly conference, held February 8 and 9. "That's what troubles are for. Use them as stairs to step up to the finer things in life."

Contact with sin is necessary, he said. We are here to recognize temptation and reject it. Only in this manner will we gain peace, light, and strength. "Whatever your troubles," he said, "if you keep sweet in the faith you will find peace in this and in the eternal life." Adversity will bring us qualities that can be achieved in no other way.

Elder Eldred G. Smith, Patriarch of the Church, visiting the area for the first time, gave advice regarding misconceptions of a patriarchal blessing. It is not, he stated, fortune telling. On the contrary, the things mentioned in such a blessing are those which you will have to work hardest to accomplish. Things that will come easy,

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Sunday School Officers, Teachers Hit 100 Per Cent Attendance Mark

By Karen Shaw

Sunday School officers and teachers of the Oakland Second Ward had 100 percent attendance at the January stake preparation meeting. As a result, the stake board took over all positions of our ward Sunday School on February 9, while ward leaders visited other ward Sunday Schools in the Stake. Special thanks are extended to the Sunday School superintendence, Vern Blake, Jack James, and Doyle Stock for the wonderful job they have been doing in their organizations.

Red paper hearts adorned the recreation hall on February 11, the night of the Valentine party presented by the MIA. The event was under the direction of activity directors, Dorothy and Ott Webb. Games, dancing and refreshments were on the agenda.

The welcome mat was recently rolled out for the Elders Allen Hampden and Vern Wood, full-time missionaries who have been assigned to labor in this area.

Wedding bells have been ringing for two couples of the ward. Elvina Jacobsen and Bob Botts exchanged vows at the Los Angeles Temple February 15, and Raine Darton and Gary Simonson were married at the Logan Temple, Jan-

Hayward Second

Basketball Team Wins Stake Title; New Relief Society Leaders Named

By Shirley Troub

Hayward Second Ward Cagers have won the Hayward Stake Basketball Championship for the second consecutive year and have now entered the Division 12 playoffs. The team, undefeated thus far, is small but what they lack in number they make up for in ability and enthusiasm. Team members, coached by Ted Thiel, second counselor in the Bishopric; Ted Jacobsen, Aaronic Priesthood assistant secretary; Jay Skinner, secretary of the Young Mens Mutual; Joe Supinger, Teacher Advisor; and Robert Troub, Aaronic Priesthood secretary. The team is made up of one High Priest, one Seventy and three Elders. The support given by the people of the ward gave the players an added incentive.

With a note of sadness and a vote of thanks for a job well done, LaVon Osmond was released as president of the Relief Society, along with her two counselors, Marilyn Eyer and Afton Johns. The Relief

Team is now headed by Joan Robison, with Jenny Perry as first counselor. Second counselor is not yet chosen.

Of utmost importance is the Temple Excursion planned by Hayward Second ward for March 8, to the Los Angeles Temple. All interested in going are urged to make plans and get their recommendations soon. The trip will be made by the latter part of April.

A farewell testimonial will be held at the San Lorenzo Ward Sunday, March 30 at 5 p.m., with a social following in the recreation hall. The services to which everyone is invited, will be under direction of Bishop Douglas P. Larson.

Bob and Shirley Troub along with Bill and Betty Jo Atkins of the Oakland Second Ward spent a weekend in Los Angeles recently and were privileged to attend three Temple sessions.

Bishop and Barbara Pimentel welcomed an 8 pound 10 ounce baby boy, Gary Charles, on January 25. Waiting at home to welcome their new little brother were Jay and Ronie Pimentel.

The Relief Society is planning a rummage sale to be held sometime in April. Please save all of your rummages. For further information call Sister Jenny Perry at LU 2-8119.

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DAVID WIMMER

San Lorenzo Ward

David Wimmer Leaving Soon For Mission

David Wimmer, son of W. R. and Lenna Wimmer of the San Lorenzo Ward, has been called to fulfill a mission in West Germany.

David, who is in his second year at Brigham Young University, has been active in Church work in his home ward and stake and at the Y. He was stake Junior M Men president in the old Oakland Stake and has held many responsible positions of leadership since he became a deacon.

He is also a capable musician and has given of his talents whenever called upon at Church or school.

At San Lorenzo High School he was graduated with a scholarship to the BYU, won the Bank of America Gold Cup award and was one of the speakers at the graduation exercises. He won a number of other awards.

David will enter the missionary school in Salt Lake City on April 14 and plans to leave for Germany the latter part of April.

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Oh! what a sight
But in a short time
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Elder Garbett Tells Of Key To Happiness

By Nell Smith

As Elder Jack Garbett poured baby formula into bottles he sighed as he said, "What would I like to have most of all? A million dollars of course, doesn't everyone want that?" Elder Jack did an encore in the father role on December 26, when he was presented with a second baby boy, Brent, who has a two year old brother, Scott.

The following officers and teachers have been released from their ward positions for various reasons: Betty McCollum, Primary teacher;

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Wise man whom he married on April 16, 1955. Both studied in the BYU Opera Workshop and Beverly likes to remember that Jack composed a love song, words and music, just for her.

Elder Garbett says he never took much serious interest in his Church until he moved to Castro Valley. Then as he acquired a wife and baby he realized that he had established a family unit of his own and with it the full responsibility of his family's spiritual, as well as physical welfare.

He and Beverly were sought after to lend their fine voices in duets for Church events and then Jack was appointed to the post of secretary of the quorum.

Performance in this area is sponsored by the Oakland-Berkeley stake. There is no admission charge.

Elder Garbett still feels that "Activity in the Church is the key to happiness."

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Ten in Walnut Creek Stake Family Baptized



TEN MEMBERS of this fine family were baptized in one day establishing a record for the burgeoning new Walnut Creek Stake and a record that the Church's 250 stakes will find it difficult to equal. Left to right, front row, are President Robert W. Chalmers, Sister Ida Hunt, missionary; Hortensia Gonzales, Juan G. Gonzales and Sister Mae Davis, missionary. Second row, Marta, Elena, Isabel, Lorenzo, Xavier and Ruben. Third row, Roberto, Juan, Jr., Sylvia, Sylvia, Jr. and Maria. All persons in the picture were baptized except the two young girls, Elena and Isabel and the infant Sylvia in her mother's arms. One older daughter, married, and not pictured here, also was not baptized.

Ideal Time to Inventory Our Hearts

By Dora Friedrick

What better time than February the month of Valentine's and hearts, to pause for a moment and take inventory of our own hearts? Don't we all agree that they should be open, for charity; stout, for times of stress; gentle, as we express our love for families and fellow men, resolute, as we spread the word and works of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; finally, dedicated, to the striving, each day, to keep His commandments.

There are especially happy hearts in the homes of Bill and Dorothy Matthews and Louis and Eliza Sennier. It's lullaby time again, with both families singing to new daughters.

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Mrs. T. G. Taylor of Idaho, who came to help out.

Of course, the Matthews—mom and dad and Timmy and Billy are especially elated about the arrival of their first Miss Matthews on February 12.

The love and best wishes of Pleasant Hill Ward go to Sister Loraine Alger, recent convert who is recuperating at home following surgery performed at Oak Knoll hospital.

VALENTINE MONTH has been food and fun month, it seems, with a number of events occupying the social agenda. There was the Teen Gold and Green Ball—this a Stake affair—held at Concord Ward.

Several of Pleasant Hill Ward's Beehive girls enjoyed a pre-dance potluck at the home of their leader, Peggy Davis. In the gay group were Diana Layton, Marcia McClurg, Patricia Macey, Cheryl Andre, Carol Biggs, Diana Bingham, Mary Sue Cheney, Annette Kowalski, Sally Dotson, Patricia Friedrich and Ruth Stearns.

Valentine decor at the Chapel Recreation Hall Overlook Drive provided a colorful stage Sweetheart Ball on February 14, with many Pleasant Hill guys and gals among the merrymakers.

A FAMILY AFFAIR was the pot-luck dinner held on Friday eve., February 21, this too at the Recreation Hall—with a report on the Interstate Building highlighting the program.

Before We Leave party time—we should say that justsweds lone and Frank Brown of Pleasant Hill Ward, and Harold Barfuss of Concord Ward have gathered a group of swirling skirts and twinkling toes 'round for Friday eve beginning square dancing—this too a Stake-wide event, with Frank and Harold doing calling honors.

Those from Pleasant Hill who are still trying to figure out whether or not they have two left feet include: Don and Velda Coffin, Clyde and Rose Peterson, Dora and Rube Frederick, Nils and Louise Swanson, Gwen and Martin Allred, Marian Foulk, Lucille and Cliff Buchanan; "pros" Maurine and Paul Corbridge attend and help the Stakeates find their right and left feet!

Frank and Harold would extend warm welcome to interested new "squares" from throughout Walnut Creek Stake. Call Frank at YE 4-

2 Missionaries Tell Details Of Conversion

An outstanding missionary achievement has been recorded in the Walnut Creek Stake, the conversion and baptism of 10 persons in one family as the result of the work of two women missionaries, Sister Ida Hunt and Sister Mae Davis.

Ten members of the Juan G. Gonzales Sr. family were baptised on January 3, climaxing months of effort on the part of the two missionaries in the Concord Second District, Walnut Creek Stake Mission. Robert W. Chalmers is president.

Here is the story, as told by Sister Hunt and Sister Davis:

It was a beautiful day in June. We had knelt and had our prayers together as we always do, asking our Heavenly Father to guide us to those seeking the earnest in heart. This He did, we can testify to this.

We STARTED out and were directed to Cowell (south of Concord) as we had a member there we, as visiting teachers, were to call on.

After leaving her home we went tracting, knocking on many doors. Finally one was opened; this was the home of Sylvia Gonzales Jr. We gave her the three in one lesson.

On leaving, when we had prayer, we were so impressed with her prayer! She prayed thanking her Heavenly Father for sending the missionaries because she was seeking the truth. Needless to say this made us happy to see the Spirit working. On our next visit with her she directed our attention to the Mormon viewpoint that little children have no need of repentance or baptism and since she was Catholic, this impressed her and she believed it to be true. She also expressed belief in different things she had read.

She also told us she had read parts of the Book of Mormon to her father-in-law, Juan Gonzales, Sr., and he had wept. So we called on Mr. Gonzales, Sr.: I am sure we were directed here. We were invited in, had a pleasant visit and gave the three-in-one.

This is a large family, so in order to get the message to all, we made many trips and at times felt a little discouraged as it seemed impossible to get them together as a family unit. But through prayer and fasting we at last got the (continued on page 13)

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San Mateo Stake

Quota System Necessary For Aaronic School

A total of 125 people attended the first lesson of the Senior Aaronic school of San Mateo stake, held Wednesday, February 12, at the San Mateo ward chapel.

Clifford Warner of the High Council, director of the school, stated that the response to the announcement of the school was so favorably received that it was necessary to place the wards of the stake on a quota basis to limit the size of the classes to workable groups.

The first lesson, "Who Am I?" was given by Burton Howard, MIA superintendent of the Redwood City ward. Other lessons will be given by equally qualified men—the very best available in the stake, Warner states.

There will be eleven lesson periods, one a week, and the twelfth week will be devoted to graduation exercises. The lessons include, "Need of a Religion," "The Godhead," "What of Joseph Smith?" "Restoration of the Church," and others in the regular course of lessons prepared by Church headquarters.

While attendance at this first school was restricted to admittance by invitation only, Warner states that everyone will be given an opportunity. Plans are to hold two schools a year from now on in the stake.

Utah School Year Five Days Longer

The Utah State Board of Education has increased the length of the school year in Utah from 172 days to 177 days, effective in the 1958-59 school year.

In a joint statement the board said:

"The board realizes that an extension of the number of days in which school is held will not alone solve our school problem in Utah."

"It is the present intention to lengthen the school year so that children in Utah shall have the benefits of a school year of approximately the same length as children in the average in other states of the nation."

The bells are still ringing for Sandra Evans and Jack Stillwell, Seaman First Class, who were married December 27. Sandra is the lovely daughter of Peru and Hector Evans.

Our Relief Society officers are Mary Jean Davis, president, Elizabeth O'Nion and Ruby Willert, first and second counselors, and Reva Smith, secretary.

The B. Y. U. A Cappella Choir will present concert for the Inter-Stake Center Fund, March 26 at 8 p.m. at Walnut Creek Ward.

Home alive but limping are the boys and their dads of Scout Troop 211 who enjoyed a wonderful winter week-end at Camp Brey January 17th, 18th, 19th. They got in a lot of fine downhill skiing; they were able to hold priesthood meet-

ings.

On February 24 the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers joined for their annual Banquet. The Award Ceremony, and Court of Honor was held. The boys are working hard on their advancements so they will be eligible for their summer camp activity.

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Walnut Creek Ward

Three-Act-Play, 'The Tender Age' Offered Mar. 4

By Anna Lea Spencer

This is your old friend back on the job once again only a different ward and a different stake. It's been a long time since you heard from us out this way; I hope we shall become better acquainted.

It's not the Atomic Age out this way that is causing all the excitement but "The Tender Age" a three-act play to be presented March 4th at 7:30 p.m. It is under the able direction of Yvonne Driggs Courtney, better known to people in show business as Yvonne King. She will be assisted by Dick Pippin and Joan Utters. The cast includes such favorites as Reed Chase, Ethelia Glomb, Leano Dehlin, Norman Forbry, Lynda Hamilton, Joann Wilkinson, Chris Jeffries, Tina Cole, Gayle Chamberlain, Dick Pippin, Donald Lee, Dan Sharp, Lynn Hodge, and Harmon Young.

Congratulations to our Junior Men basketball team. They are the Walnut Creek Stake Champions with 17 wins and 1 loss. They will be competing for the regional championship in which they came in second place last year. The playoffs were held this month and the finals will be in Stockton March 3rd. This team has been coached by Eugene Jensen. Our fine athletes are Donald Lee, Chris Jeffries, Kent Steel, Clark Harris, Bill Lloyd, Dan Sharp, Len Thompson and Tom Watkins.

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We wish to welcome into our ward and church Brent Rasmussen and Mrs. Margaret Degan who were baptized last month.

Our Bishop is now the proud father of four lovely daughters. The latest arrived as a Valentine present. February 14. Rulon and Delores Hatch's daughter Cynthia arrived January 13.

The bells are still ringing for Sandra Evans and Jack Stillwell, Seaman First Class, who were married December 27. Sandra is the lovely daughter of Peru and Hector Evans.

Our new Relief Society officers are Mary Jean Davis, president, Elizabeth O'Nion and Ruby Willert, first and second counselors, and Reva Smith, secretary.

The Relief Society



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Redwood City Ward

Wedding; Dance, Ordinations In News For Month

News of Redwood City ward for February included a wedding, a dance, priesthood ordinations, changes in office, and preparations for coming events.

On February 14 the popular Jacqueline Murdoch married Elvey S. Hoyt. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home by Russell Rock of the bishopric. Some 40 guests attended. After refreshments, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon in Louisiana.

The Valentine party and dance, held in conjunction with San Carlos ward, was pronounced a success by MIA Superintendent Burton Howard. The MIA also sponsored a motion picture, "The Private War of Major Benson," at which the Scouts raised funds with a collection of refreshments.

Three men were ordained to the office of High Priest, John Weaver, Russell Rock, and William Moore; and five were ordained to Seventy, Carl Wilcox, Billie Trammel, Thomas Williams, Ben Oniki, and Andrew Jones.

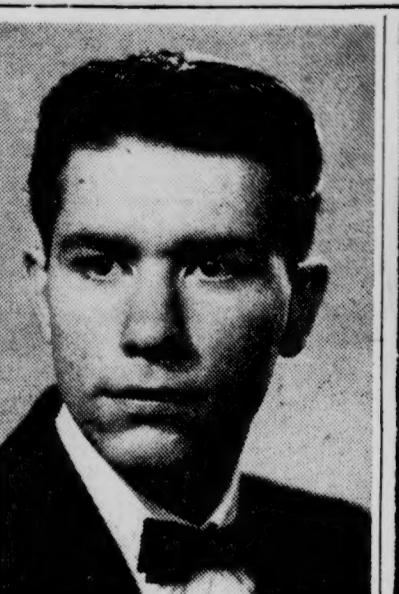
The Primary presidency was reorganized with Melba Alsop president, Geraldine Johnston, first, and Marcella Sorenson second counselors. Pearl Wilson was sustained as second counselor of the YWMA.

The Relief Society is preparing for its annual ward conference March 2nd. President Vida Ross, Jean Johnson and Natalie Stratton will speak, and the youth speaker will be Neil Bodily. Music will be furnished by the singing mothers.

On March 19th the annual birthday of the Relief Society will be observed by a luncheon. The pro-



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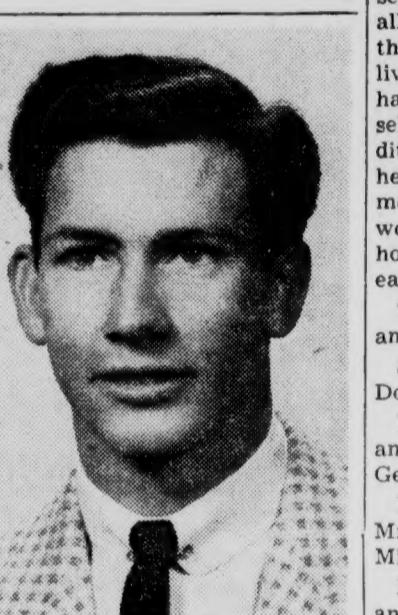
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Basketball Team

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their precious time so that we may more fully enjoy our Sacrament meetings. Their beautiful music has greatly added to the spirit of our meetings and those of the other wards in which they have sung. Much of the credit goes to Ruth and Blaine Wilson under whose direction the choir functions. Look for a choir party to be held in March.

Anyone in the ward who is doing any genealogy work whatsoever is asked to contact Peggy Elliott at L.U. 2-1426. We are given credit for all genealogy research and temple work done. The more work being done in this area, the sooner we will have a Temple here.

gram will consist of the regular Shakespeare lesson, "King Lear." And, looking ahead to the big fund-raising event of the year, a rummage sale April 17 and 18, the Relief Society is gathering material and making preparations in advance.

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Ward Auxiliaries

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Isabelle Larre, Primary secretary; Irene Newton, employment counselor in Relief Society; Charles McGrath, assistant scoutmaster; Thelma Earl, Work Day Leader in Relief Society.

New officers and teachers: Nadine Smith, employment counselor; Bruce Hepworth, assistant scoutmaster; Oral Grow, teacher-trainer for Primary, and work day leader in Relief Society; Loraine McGrath and Coleen Gunn, Primary teachers.

Bishop McClellan presented certificates of honor to the following couples who completed the special classes for Senior Aaronic Priesthood: Charles and Loraine McGrath, Jerry and Shanna Morrow, James and Dorothy Turner, Alvin and Phyllis Taylor, Bruce and Maxine Hepworth, and John Porter.

Brother and Sister Owen L. Stewart were the instructors for the classes.

The ward had its second baptismal excursion to the Los Angeles Temple, 16 girls, 15 boys and 10 adults making the trip by chartered bus.

Margaret and Shannon Murphy were blessed with a baby daughter Feb. 11, tipping the scales at 9 lbs. 4 oz. Denny was pleased with his new sister.

Richard Grow is the newly-elected stake district president, Dr. Ralph Price having been released recently. Joe Sevy, Byron Hovik, George S. Hughes, Leo Robinson, William Jarrard and Eugene Cybulski were called to fulfill stake missions.

Sister Sarah Reid has been visiting from Salt Lake City. She is the mother of Gertrude Lesser. She was a guest speaker in several of our ward meetings including Relief Society, Fireside, and Sacramento Meeting. Sister Reid is now in her 93rd year. We're looking forward to her return.

Fund At BYU For Leadership

Elder Richard Crockett reports from the French Mission he is very busy in his missionary activities. He now presides as servicemen's coordinator. He sends his good wishes to all his friends in the ward.

Kenneth Kneehaw writes that he enjoys the monthly letter Bishop McClellan writes the servicemen and missionaries. Ken says the letters are newsy and interesting.

Congratulations to Gary Simonson and his new bride, Ralene. Also to Mary Katherine and William Morrison, who are residing in San Francisco.

News of the gift was announced by Robert H. Hinckley of Ogden and Salt Lake City, a vice-president of the American Broadcasting Company, friend and associate of Mr. Noble since 1938 when the two were appointed to the Civil Aeronautics Authority of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

This news may be known by everyone, but we wish to congratulate Judy Edner and Charles Long on their engagement. Chuck is keeping busy in ward activities while Judy is attending school at Provo.

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Seven Full-Time Missionaries In Menlo Park Ward

By Nelle Hughes

Why does Menlo Park Ward have seven full-time missionaries?

First, the ward is blessed with many young men and women who have a sincere testimony as to the truthfulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, a thirst for knowledge of spiritual truths, a determination to live clean lives and a praiseworthy desire to preach the gospel to others.

Second, the ward has a missionary-minded bishop whose testimony and devotion to the gospel and unselfish service is an inspiration to all ward members. He shows others through his own example how to live an exemplary life that brings happiness. He is a good salesman selling the most valuable commodity known to man. Accordingly, he calls these wonderful young men and women to go out into the world to take this gospel to the honest of heart, to those who have ears to hear it.

These are the seven missionaries and where they are serving:

Stanley Michelsen, son of Mrs. Dorothy Skeie, Uruguayan Mission.

Lawrence Goldrup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Goldrup, West German Mission.

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THESE THREE lovely young ladies are shown being presented at the Burlingame-San Bruno wards Gold and Green ball. From left: Linda Peterson, Burlingame Ward; Ann Loveless, San Bruno Ward, and Syd Dyal, San Bruno Ward. They are shown with their fathers.

Two Wards Join For Successful Gold-Green Ball

By James L. Taylor

The ceiling of the Burlingame Ward Recreation Hall was covered with streamers of gold and green. Strains of danceable music filled the air. The occasion? The annual Gold and Green Ball presented by the combined Mutual organizations of the Burlingame and San Bruno Wards.

It was a well-attended dance and everyone had an enjoyable time whether they were dancing, chatting with friends at the punch bowl or relaxing in front of the fireplace. The highlight came at 10:15. To the music of "Now Is The Hour" three lovely, talented young ladies were presented. Linda Peterson, Burlingame Ward; and Syd Dyal and Ann Loveless, San Bruno Ward.

Each girl in turn entered the stage as a clever, "heavenly" characterization of her was read concerning her attributes and talents. When she reached the center of



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San Mateo Stake

Achievements In Stake Mission

By Stanley S. Gibb

Raymond A. Hansen, San Mateo Mission president reports that in the San Mateo Mission area there are 4,066 L.D.S. and 394,000 non-members. In other words, every hundredth person you would meet in the confines of the Stake would be a member of the Church. And to proselyte the gospel are but 25 Stake missionaries.

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LEADERS OF BAY WARD RELIEF SOCIETY, preparing for birthday party March 12 (and a special night celebration March 3 for working mothers) are, from left: Chloe Kolodewyn, first counselor; Merle Dorius, president; Margaret Judson, second counselor, and Lillian Conwell, secretary.

Balboa Second Ward

Aaronic Priesthood Variety Show To Be Presented March 1, 7 p.m.

By Lola Geary

The Aaronic Priesthood Variety Show "South Seas Motif," will be presented March 1, at Mission Ward Recreation Hall, at 7 p.m. This is a Building Fund Project.

There were many Valentine Day events, Class 10, of the Sunday School, under the direction of their instructors, Jerry Harte, held a party at the home of Sharon Sharpe. These fourteen teenagers had a very good time, it is a big highlight of the Relief Society. Let's see all the sisters there along with any friends you can persuade to come.

A rummage sale is planned in the near future under the direction of the Relief Society and please everybody "CONTRIBUTE!" Arrangements are made to pick up any articles contributed.

The San Francisco Stake Genealogy work classes are held each Wednesday evening at Mission Ward under the leadership of Sister Schierer.

Evan and Madeline Hunter welcomed a second son, January 20 He was released from this service with a vote of thanks for the splendid job she has done. This will enable her to devote more of her time to the WYMA.

ENGAGEMENTS
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BISHOP'S MESSAGE, as prepared by Leon Leavell.

The General Authorities have told us that there is no duty more sacred or more necessary, if it is carried out as it should be, than the duties of the Ward Teachers who visit the homes of the Saints.

Babies blessed during the past month were Robert Stephen Baptista and Graig N. Tatarian. Laura Renee Taylor was baptized.

Roger Lee Austin graduated from primary and was ordained a deacon.

The Relief Society Birthday Party will be held March 12. This

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NO STORM NOR SLEET NOR HOUSEHOLD CARES keep the visiting teachers of the Relief Society from their appointed rounds. Honored at a Valentine luncheon of San Mateo Stake were front row, Rosalie Durrant and Ingrid Nelson; back row, Lois Stoker, Artha Dayton, Bernice Stanton, and Hazel Young.

S. F. Genealogy Workshop Notes

Stake Honors Visiting Teachers For Their Long and Faithful Work

By Gay Taylor

Catch them young, put them to work, and keep them at it, is the policy of the San Mateo Stake Relief Society toward its visiting teachers, whom they recently honored at a Valentine luncheon. About 200 of the 250 visiting teachers of the Stake were served by the stake board.

The teachers singled out for special bouquets were Hazel

Young of San Carlos who has gone out as a visiting teacher every month for 19 years; Ingrid Nelson of San Carlos who has 50 years of service behind her; Beatrice Rasmussen of San Mateo—absent because of illness—who has served 48 years; Bernice Stanton, 19, of San Bruno, who is the youngest teacher in the Stake; Artha Dayton, 75, of Burlingame; Rosabelle Durrant, 76, of San Mateo 2nd; Lois Stoker, 72, of San Mateo, and also absent because of illness—Carrie Siebold, 83, of San Mateo. The last four were honored because they are the four oldest teachers of the Stake.

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IN TALKING to these dedicated women, it becomes clear that they have a deep feeling for the importance of their work as visiting teachers.

Hazel Young began her visiting teaching in San Francisco and for ten years she and her companion,

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Los Altos Ward

Basketball, Choral Tour Take Gospel to Thousands in Mexico

By Dallas S. Burch

A bold program aimed at bringing the restored gospel to fully 20,000 more people than could be reached by usual proselyting methods has been in progress for several months in the area served by the Northern Mexican Mission. Begun last fall, the program was based partly on the intense interest of Mexican people in basketball. Other motivations were a deep-rooted love of good music and the importance of religion in their lives.

From time to time, Elder J. Elbert "Bert" Smith in the mission field there, has commented on the program in letters to his parents, Glenn and Violet Smith, of Los Altos. Such reports collectively disclose increasing interest in Mormonism throughout the area, cordiality to missionaries, and already willingness to receive their messages.

THE GENERAL PLAN was to organize a group of elders, train them as a basketball team and for choral work, and go on the road for several months, visiting some 50 cities and towns. An expected average attendance of 400 at each visit would thus enable 20,000 persons to learn of Mormonism. "The way we have it organized," Elder Smith explained, "is to go into a town, play basketball game with a home team, and then put on a musical program, followed by religious discussions. We have a complete gospel plan and special subjects such as the word of wisdom, tithing, and Mutual program." He added that the game and music commonly lead to much questioning concerning who the Mormons are—which in turn provides opportunity for effective missionary work.

In the practical operation of the plan, as expected, the basketball competition brought out a large attendance, especially where there was good advance billing. In one instance, somewhat embarrassing to the elders, the game was advertised as "United States vs Mexico." Full-page newspaper headlines were not unusual.

In Durango, the visiting Mormons received a police escort through town for a visit to the governor of the state and general of the army. Other developments in the program have been billboard advertising, frequent appearances of the singing elders on radio broad casts in various cities, and the making of tape recordings for distribution in still other cities. Elder Smith, a former chorister of the Los Altos Ward, is in charge of the music.

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THESE ELDERS in Northern Mexico Mission combined basketball, music and gospel messages to take message of Mormonism to 20,000 persons in Mexico, as reported by Elder J. Elbert Smith, of Los Altos Ward, second from right, front row. They are, from left, back row: Merrill Beckstead, Salt Lake City, Dee Cuzzins, Lowell, Wyo.; Kay Lewis, Provo, Utah; John Halverson, Salt Lake City, and Robert Sealy, Preston, Idaho; front row: Bruce Fuller, La Crescenta; Martin Weir, Los Angeles; William Brown, Turner, Ore.; Elder Smith, and Burl Morley, Provo, Utah.

ELDER J. ELBERT SMITH of Los Altos Ward, (right) at Mexican radio station. A number of such stations provided opportunities for the missionaries to broadcast musical program.

elders to play basketball with its team but denied them the opportunity to preach or tract. In some localities they encountered primitive roads and on one occasion five straight days of rain. Problems of food, lodging, and finance demanded realistic solution as the tour progressed.

Yet experiences of that kind were more than offset by the cordial welcome the elders received when returning to some towns where they had previously labored. Concluding a description of such a heartwarming occasion, Elder Smith wrote, "...and the kids hung on me as if I were their dad but said Elder Smith in one letter, "so that one doesn't need to try to talk to people. They lead themselves right into it."

Describing a successful trip to the town of Torreon he concluded: "The stands were cheering for us even though their own team was against us. We made good friends who will remember those MORMONES. We are really getting that word into the minds of the people."

The usual attendance at games was several hundred persons, though in two instances it reached 2,000 and 1,500. Most games were fairly close but whether won or lost they helped build good will for the Church.

The group is the Commission on the Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities of the American Indian. It also will compare Canadian Indian policies with those of United States.

The commission, established under an initial grant of \$100,000 from the Fund for the Republic, is headed by Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of University of Oregon, and a graduate of BYU.

Dr. Tyler said the commission also will consider legal, economic, and social measures affecting Indians with a view to their fuller and more responsible participation in American life.

He warned, however, that pressure on Indian communities could be tragic to individuals and destroy culture which should be preserved.

Dr. Tyler joined the history faculty of BYU in 1952.

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San Francisco Stake Temple Work Gains Threefold During Past Year

Temple work by members of the San Francisco Stake, during the year 1957, increased more than threefold over 1956.

Under the direction of President Serge Lauper and the Stake Genealogical Committee Chairman, Edgar L. Williams, activity in genealogical work has been greatly increased. Regular monthly excursions are made to the Los Angeles Temple via bus and private cars and other means of transportation.

Brother Williams has outlined plans for the coming year which should result in an even greater increase in activities and it is hoped that by demonstrating our desire to fulfill our obligations in doing temple work, the day may be hastened when the Bay Area will be the site of another of the Lord's Temples.

According to the records of the various genealogical committees in the San Francisco Stake, 236 members of the Priesthood and 207 women participated in an even 1000 endowments during 1957 as compared to 128 Priesthood members and 93 women performing 308 endowments in 1956.

BYU Expansion Fund Is Started

Plans for raising \$5 million dollars in 40 months for expanding Brigham Young University, have been announced by President Ernest L. Wilkinson.

Oakland First Ward will sponsor an old-fashioned box lunch social Saturday, March 22, at the Claremont Ward on Stuart Street Berkeley.

Gaily-trimmed boxes packed with delicious food will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Proceeds will go toward the new Ward Chapel on Temple Hill. Entertainment will precede the auction.

"This event should bring back a lot of happy memories for the older Saints, and be a wonderful experience for the younger ones," the committee in charge stated. "We hope all of our old friends will join with us in the fun so grab your partners and keep a date with us."

Since 1950 some 18½ million dollars has been spent in building at BYU, and since the end of the war, about 25 million. President Wilkinson about three months ago announced plans for a new 12 million dollar expansion.

Enrollment at the school is now well over 10,000 students. When it started 38 years ago 29 students enrolled.

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University Ward Grows Rapidly

By Mildred Anderson

University Ward membership, now more than 100, is continuing to grow and soon will be bursting out of the present building near the University of California's campus. Members hope to have a new chapter within the next few years.

Containing perhaps the largest group of marriageable young people, the ward seldom is without new engagements being announced. The two most recently engaged are David Gardner and Elizabeth Fuhrman. Both are students, Dave at the University of California and Liz at San Francisco. They plan to be married in the Salt Lake Temple in June.

The most recent engagement announced is that of Connie Corbett and Clayton Ricks. Connie is a graduate of the BYU in Education and is now teaching in Alameda. Clayton is a graduate of the University of Utah and is now doing graduate work at the University of California. They plan to be married this summer.

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President Wilkinson said that the "BYU Destiny Fund" will be a start toward five goals: 1. Creation of an outstanding faculty; 2. Additional scholarships; 3. Expansion of the campus; 4. Extension of BYU services to a wider segment of the Church; 5. Acquisition of more books and other aids to learning.

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